

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 14, 2022- 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on June 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Commissioners present: Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Tom Wilson. Karla Bauman, Auditor, present.

OPEN: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

Debbie Haussler – Scleroderma National Awareness Month: Debbie Haussler came before commissioners to request a proclamation for Scleroderma during the month of June, 2022. She went into detail on the symptoms her husband had suffered since being diagnosed with it. **Motion to declare the month of June, 2022 Scleroderma Awareness Month by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

CCMG 2022 Bids – Larry Smith, Engineer: Larry Smith opened the bids received for Bridge 42 and the Community Crossing Matching Grant. There was one bid received for Bridge 42 – Snail Creek Bridge from R L Vuckson Excavating for \$651,581.60. **Motion to take bid from RL Vuckson for Bridge 42 in the sum of \$615,581.60 under advisement by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Road Bids - 1. Five Point Road: Paul Rohe - \$574,556.86
Whitcomb Rd.: Paul Rohe - \$626,486.00

2. Five Point Road: Dave O'Mara Contractors - \$574,708.00
Whitcomb Road: Dave O,Mara Contractors - \$520,488.88

3. Five Point Road: Olco Inc. - \$857,274.53
Whitcomb Road: Olco Inc. – \$897,681.37

Larry Smith will review the bids and commissioners will award at the end of this meeting.

Gobles Creek – Easements for County Project: Commissioners thanked Kevin DeFosset for the 1.67 acres he donated and Brian DeFosset for the 1.05 acres he donated. Commissioners will need to purchase acreage from Michael Fehlinger in the total sum of 1.31 for the purchase price of \$2,947.50. **Motion to approve the purchase of 1.31 acres from Michael Fehlinger by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Joe Gillespie & Mark Shires – Request for ARPA Funds: Mark Shires, representing the Brookville Fire Department came before commissioners to ask for funding thru the ARPA Grant to purchase a new ladder truck. Councilmember Gillespie also came with him to show his support in favor of purchasing this new truck which would be beneficial for all of Franklin County. Their current ladder truck is a 1999 model and was purchased by the Brookville Fire Department seven years ago. The cost for a new truck is \$854,000.00. It will take up to 2 years for the manufacturer to build this truck and during that time the Brookville Fire Department hopes to raise \$250,000 to help with the cost. This would leave a balance of \$604,000.00 that would need to be funded. The price of this truck will go up after July 1st.

Commissioner Linkel stated that we currently have more requests than we have money. John Palmer asked for the request for a new ladder truck be tabled until the committee could meet to discuss funding future projects.

ARPA funds: John Palmer came before commissioners to give an update on the requests for ARPA Funds. Currently with all the requests we are in the hole \$300,000.00. We are going to have to re-evaluate which projects we are going to fund. Mr. Palmer also announced that Reid Health Care will be coming to Franklin County, creating 40 jobs.

Covered Bridge Certification: Motion to sign the Covered Bridge Certification by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Metamora Fireworks: Commissioners received a request from the Metamora Fire Department to have a fireworks display on July 2, 2022. **Motion to approve the Metamora Fire Department display for July 2, 2022, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Cemetery Board Appointment: Commissioner Wilson thanked John Estridge for his service on the Cemetery Board. Mr. Estridge recently resigned. Commissioners made no appointment at this time.

DLZ Contract Amendment: Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes to the agreement with DLZ. The agreement amount will decrease from \$137,000.00 to \$69,700.00 due to the County's new building inspector, Jennifer Minkhouse, who is certified to inspect government buildings will be overseeing this project in-house. **Motion to sign the amended agreement decreasing the amount to \$69,700.00 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Highway Foremen Trucks: Commissioner Linkel presented the quote for 3 Dodge 1 ton diesel 4 X 4 Big Horn trucks for the three foremen he received from Batesville Chrysler Dodge Jeep. Each truck will cost \$67,740.00. Both Ford and Chevrolet would not give any quotes at this time. It will take approximately 8 weeks to get the new trucks in. **Motion to accept the quote from Batesville Chrysler Dodge Jeep for three trucks at \$67,740 each by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Hot Mix – Commissioner Linkel stated that the cost of hot mix was increasing to 62.65 a ton. **Motion to approve the increase of the cost of hot mix to \$62.65 a ton by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Clerk's Monthly Report: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Clerk's monthly report for June, 2022 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Monthly Report: Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's monthly report for June, 2022 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes – May 31, 2022: Motion to approve the minutes for May 31, 2022, by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims: Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$383,337.78 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Payroll and Payroll Deductions: Motion to approve the payroll and payroll deductions in the sum of \$213,665.23 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Bridge 42 Snail Creek Bridge: Motion to approve the bid from R L Vuckson Excavating in the sum of \$651,581.60 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

CCMG 2022 Bids: Motion to table the Community Crossing 2022 bids by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

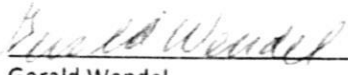
Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

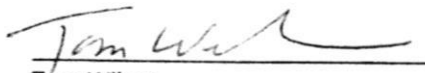
Others in attendance and/or zoom: Fayette Hay, Commissioner's Secretary, Crystal McQueen, Commissioner's Secretary, Jolene, Beneker, Bridget Hayes, Neysa Raible, John Palmer, Peter Cates, John Heis, Joe Gillespie, Debbie Haussler, Mark Shires, John Bruce, Mark Richardson and Marty Hon.

Minutes approved June 28, 2022

Ayes:


Tom Linkel


Gerald Wendel


Tom Wilson

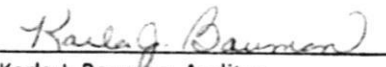
Nays:

Tom Linkel

Gerald Wendel

Tom Wilson

ATTESTED BY:


Karla J. Bauman, Auditor